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	A Small Entity Statement Was Previously Submitted In This Application.
	A Small Entity Statement Is Enclosed.
	A Filing Fee For Extra Claims Does Not Appear Required.
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	No. of Claims Remaining After	Highest No. of Claims Previously	No. of Extra	Fee For Small Entity	Fee For Other Than Small Entity
	Amendment	Paid For	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Fee</u>	<u>Rate</u> <u>Fee</u>
Total	21	20	1	x \$ 9 = \$	x \$18 = \$18.00
Independ	dent 3	3	0	x \$ 40 \$	x \$80 = \$
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				TOTAL = <u>\$ -0-</u>	TOTAL = <u>\$18.00</u>

It is hereby petitioned that any required extension of time be granted for filing the Amendment. An extension of <u>-0-</u> month(s) having a fee of <u>\$ 0-</u> appears required.

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